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1. ROK MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION YUN CHU-YONG MARCH 6 SHARPLY ACCUSED NORTH KOREAN OF ATTEMPTING TO BREAK OFF THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND UNIFY KOREA BY FORCE. YUN WAS RESPONDING TO KIM IL SUNG'S MARCH 4 ADDRESS IN PYONGYANG.

2. IN STRONGLY-WORDED MARCH 6 STATEMENT WHICH GOT MAJOR COVERAGE IN ROK PRESS, YUN SAID THAT KIM WIL SUNG HAD CALLED FOR ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTION IN THE SOUTH, THUS REDUCING THE JULY 4, 1972 JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO A SCRAP OF PAPER. HE DENOUNCED KIM'S CALL FOR A GRAND NATIONAL CONGRESS AS THE REASON FOR DEADLOCK IN THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE. FINALLY, HE SAID THAT KIM'S REJECTION OF PRESIDENT PARK'S NONAGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL INDICATES THAT QUOTE THE PUPPET REGIME IN THE NORTH HAS COMPLETED ALL MILITARY PREPARATIONS TO REINVADE THE SOUTH UNQUOTE.

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3. OCCASION OF KIM IL SUNG'S MARCH 4 ADDRESS WAS PYONGYANG RALLY

FOR ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE. ACCORDING TO FBIS, KIM SAID THAT IT IS NOT WORTH DISCUSSING A NONAGGRESSION PACT AS LONG AS US FORCES AND UN FLAG REMAIN IN KOREA, THUS REITERATING NORTH KOREAN POSITION ANNOUNCED JAN 26. HE ALSO RENEWED HIS CALL FOR A GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BUT DID SAY THIS WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM EXISTING COORDINATING COMMISSION. ON SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTION IN SOUTH, KIM SAID NORTH KOREANS REGARD IT AS THEIR NATURAL DUTY TO SUPPORT THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE, AND NORTH WILL ALWAYS DO SO ACTIVELY "WITH MIGHT AND MAIN." CONTEXT OF REMARKS WAS DISCUSSION OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND STATEMENT APPEARS SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ONES ON SUBJECT (REF A AND PREVIOUS).

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT KIM'S ADDRESS WAS PROBABLY AIMED IN PART AT BOUMEDIENNE. HIS REMARKS ON NONAGGRESSION PACT WERE ALSO PROBABLY PARTIALLY IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT PARK'S MARCH 1 SPEECH, IN WHICH PARK HAD RENEWED CALL FOR THE PACT BUT HAD ALSO ISSUED STERN WARNING TO NORTH KOREA FOR ITS FEB 15 ATTACK ON ROK FISHING BOATS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE KIM'S ADDRESS CONTAINED NOTHING STARTLINGLY NEW, ITS TONE WAS CLEARLY HARSH. THIS SET STAGE FOR SHARP REACTION BY YUN, IN KEEPING WITH RECENT EXCHANGES OF PROPAGANDA CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES BETWEEN TWO SIDES.
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